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Mr. Jeffrey F. Gratz, Chief  
Clean Water Regulatory Branch  
Division of Environmental Planning and Protection  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
290 Broadway, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Gratz:

Enclosed for your review is the revised NYS Nutrient Standards Plan, dated July 7, 2011. This Plan documents the significant progress that the Department has made since the previous (April 15, 2009) version of the Plan, and sets forth our current path for completing work on nutrient criteria for lakes, reservoirs, flowing waters, and estuaries. It also includes a new table of milestones and expected completion dates to comply with EPA's Program Activity Measures (PAMs) for nutrient criteria.

Please ask your staff to direct any questions on the enclosed to Scott Stoner at (518) 402-8193 or [sxstoner@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:sxstoner@gw.dec.state.ny.us). Thank you and we look forward to receiving EPA agreement with the enclosed plan.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Myers, P.E.  
Director

Enclosure

c: S. Stoner